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MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1979

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

Robert J. Ryan, Director

SUBJECT:

BOARD OF APPEAL REFERRALS

Hearing:

2/27/79

7-4303

Shawmut Council #170 Building

One-story masonry structure

Association, Knights of Columbus 156-158 Wachusetts Street,

Jamaica Plain At Patten Street

District(s): apartment

general business industrial local business____

residential R-.5

single family

waterfront

manufacturing

Purpose:

Change occupancy from church to church and miscellaneous hall.

Violation(s): Section

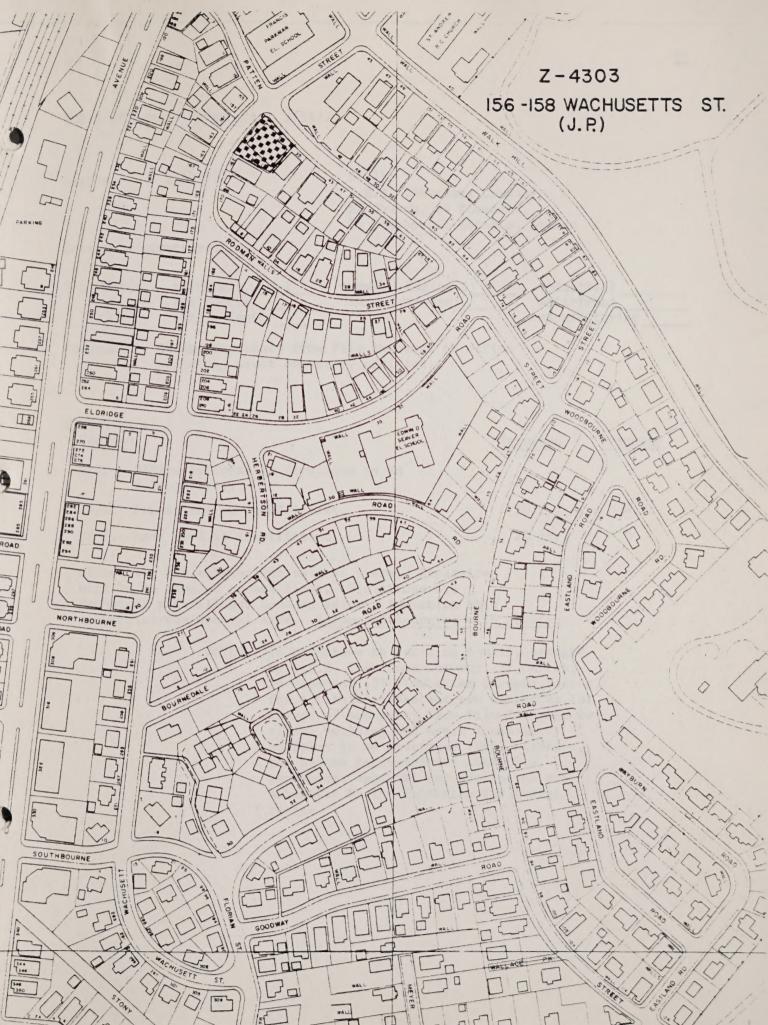
Required

Proposed

8-7 Miscellaneous hall is forbidden in an R-.5 district.

Facility is existing. Basement hall was used by former United Methodist Church for special functions; petitioner has renovated it for similar use. The chapel has been retained for ceremonial activities. There is neighborhood support. Recommend approval.

> VOTED: In reference to Petition Z-4303, brought by Shawmut Council #170 Building Association, Knights of Columbus, 156-158 Wachusetts Street, Jamaica Plain, for change of occupancy from church to church and miscellaneous hall in a Residential (R-.5) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Uses are similar to those of former church use. There is neighborhood support.



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Hearing:

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Z-4315

T.H.E. Insurance Company 52 Church, 56 Piedmont,

25 Winchester Streets, Boston

One-story structure.

District(s):

apartment H-2

general business

industrial

residential

single family

local business_____

waterfront

manufacturing

Purpose:

Change occupancy from Film Exchange to office

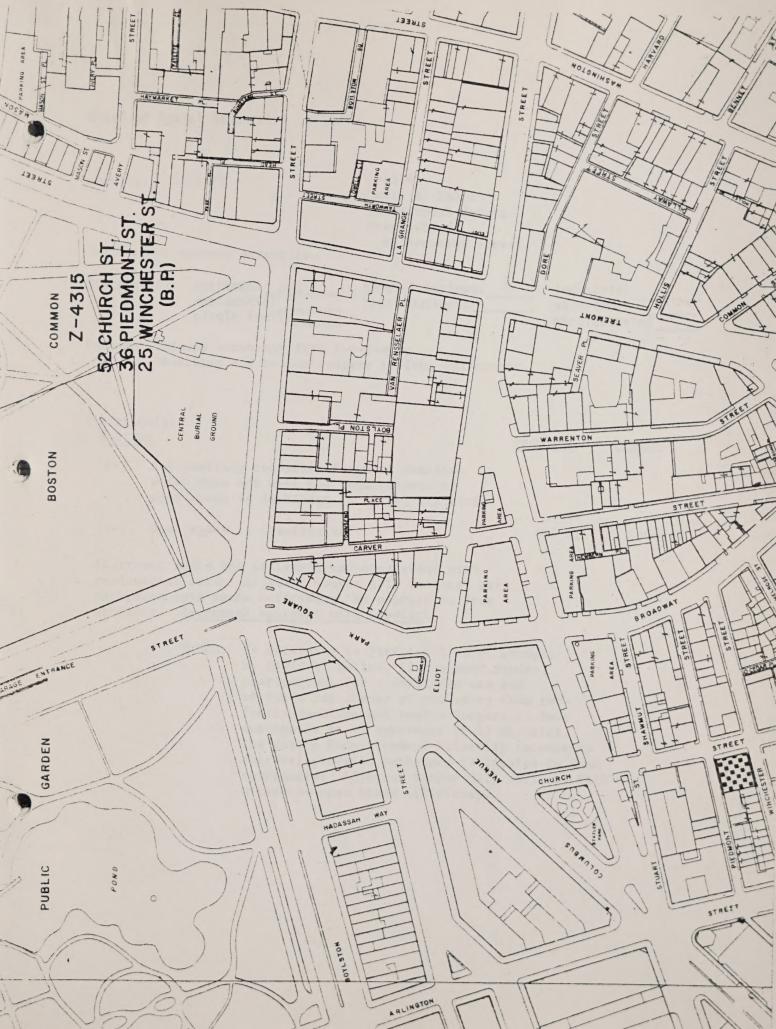
building; erect one-story addition.

Violation(s).

Section		Required	Proposed	
8-7.	Office building is forbidden in an H-2 District.			
18-1.	Front yard is insufficient.	20 ft.	6 ft.	
20-1.	Rear yard is insufficient	20 ft.	0	

Office use has existed for several years. Expansion will be in form of second floor. Violations are technical and will not have an adverse impact on this commercial-residential area. Recommend approval with proviso.

VOTED: In reference to Petition Z-4315, brought by T.H.E. Insurance Company, 52 Church, 36 Piedmont, 25 Winchester Streets, Boston, for a forbidden use and two variances for change of occupancy from Film Exchange to office building and erect a one-story addition in an Apartment (H-2) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans are submitted to the Authority for design review.



2/27/79 Hearing:

Z - 4316

David R. Keller 22 Monument Square

Charlestown

at Monument Street

Four-story masonry structure.

District(s):

apartment H-1 residential

general business industrial local business waterfront

waterfront manufacturing

single family

Change occupancy from two-family dwelling and twelve lodgers to four apartments.

Violation(s):

Section

Purpose:

Required

Proposed

Any dwelling converted for more families which does not meet the requirements of open space is forbidden in an H-1 District.

17-1. Open space is insufficient

VOTED:

400 sf

180 sf.

Apartment units are desirable and consistent with residential area. Adjacent Bunker Hill National Park mitigates open space deficiency. No opposition from abuttors. Recommend approval with proviso.

> In reference to Petition Z-4316, brought by David R. Keller, 22 Monument Square, Charlestown, for a forbidden use and variance for change of occupancy from twofamily dwelling and twelve lodgers to four apartments in an apartment (H-1) District,

the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided occupancy is limited to four apartments. Adjacent Bunker Hill National Park

mitigates open space deficiency.



2/15/79

Hearing:

2/27/79

Z-4318,-4345

Sunmark Industries 561 Centre Street Jamaica Plain

Gas Station

at Goodrich Road

District(s):

apartment

general business_

industrial

residential

single family

local business L-1

waterfront manufacturing

Purpose:

Erect storage and rest room structure

for self-service gas station; erect kiosk

and canopy.

Violation(s):

Section Required 8-7. Gas Station is conditional in an L-1

20-1. Rear yard is insufficient

District.

20 ft.

6 ft.

Proposed

Residential properties which surround the site would be significantly impacted by the operation and increased activities of the self-service facility. There is neighborhood opposition. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petitions Z-4318,-4345, brought by Sunmark Industries, 561 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, for a conditional use to erect a storage-rest room structure, kiosk and canopy for self-service station in a local business (L-1) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial.

Residential properties which surround the site would be significantly impacted by the operation and increased activities of the self-service facility. There is neighborhood opposition.



2/15/79

Hearing:

3/6/79

Z - 4322

Edward E. Zuker, Trustee 15 Brainerd Rd., Allston

near Harvard Ave.

Parking lot.

District(s): apartment H-1 residential

general business_____ industrial local business_____

waterfront

single family

manufacturing

Purpose:

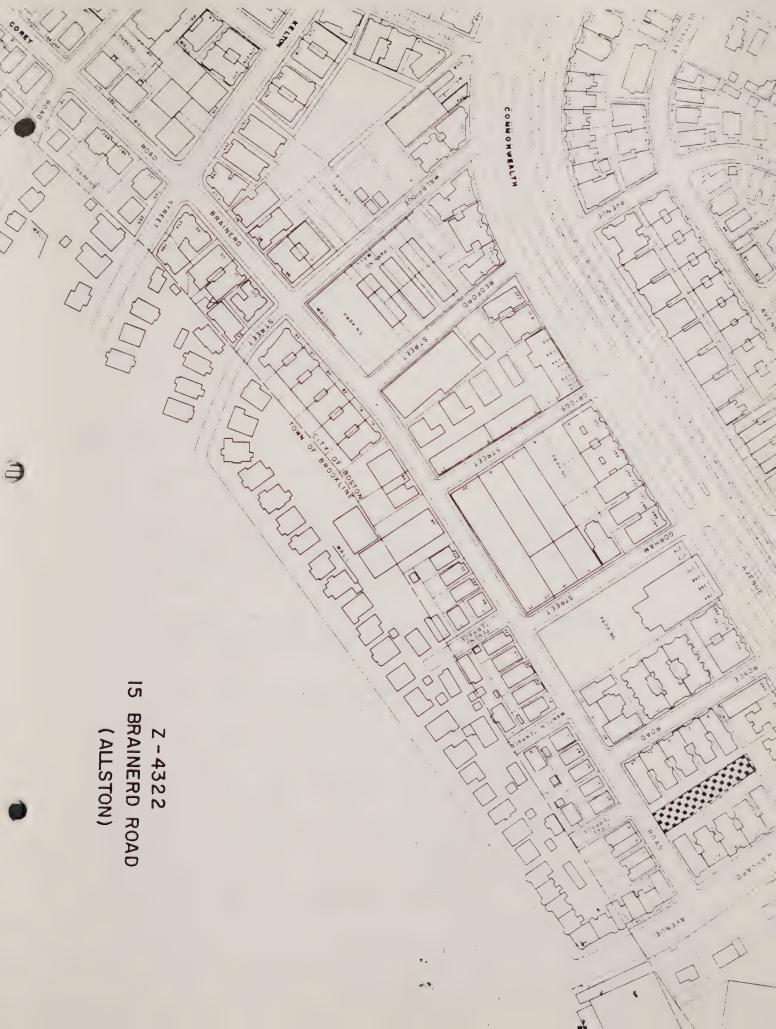
Use premises for public parking lot for fee.

Violation(s):

Section		Required	Proposed	
	8-7.	Parking lot is forbidden in an H-l district.		
	18-1.	Front yard is insufficient.	25 ft.	0
	20-1.	Rear yard is insufficient.	20 ft.	0

Facility, with accommodations for 40 cars, would tend to alleviate on-street parking and congestion. Community supports proposal. Recommend approval with provisos.

VOTED: In reference to Petition Z-4322, brought by Edward E. Zuker, 15 Brainerd Road, Allston, for a forbidden use and two variances to use premises for public parking lot for fee in an apartment (H-1) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval with the following provisos: that spaces be rented to Allston-Brighton residents; that no hourly or commercial parking be allowed.



Hearing: 3/6/79

Z - 4341

Irish Social Club Inc. of Boston

117-125 Park Street

West Roxbury

One-story masonry structure.

near Corey Street

District(s): apartment

residential

general business industrial

local business_____

waterfront

manufacturing M-1

Purpose: Change occupancy from bowling alleys

to private social club.

single family

Violation(s):

Section

Required

Proposed

A private club is conditional in an M-1 District.

Petitioner has been unwilling to disclose nature and details of proposed facility particularly hours of operation and securing of liquor license. Local resident organizations have expressed concern about impact on surrounding residential area and local business community.

Petitioner should meet with local resident and business community organization, Little City Hall and Authority staff to address and resolve issues. Recommend denial as submitted.

VOTED:

In reference to Petition Z-4341, brought by Irish Social Club, Inc. of Boston, 117-125 Park Street, West Roxbury, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from bowling alleys to private social club in a manufacturing (M-1) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial as submitted. Petitioner has been unwilling to disclose nature and details of proposed facility particularly hours of operation and securing of liquor license. Local resident organizations have expressed concern about impact on surrounding residential area and local business community.

Petitioner should meet with local residents and business community organizations, Little City Hall and Authority staff to address and resolve issues.



Five-story structure.

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Hearing:

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z - 4351

20-24 Newbury Associates

20-24 Newbury Street,

Boston

near Berkeley Street

District(s):

apartment

residential

single family

general business B-4-70

local business____

industrial waterfront

manufacturing

Purpose:

Change occupancy from stores and offices

to stores, offices and school.

Violation(s):

Section

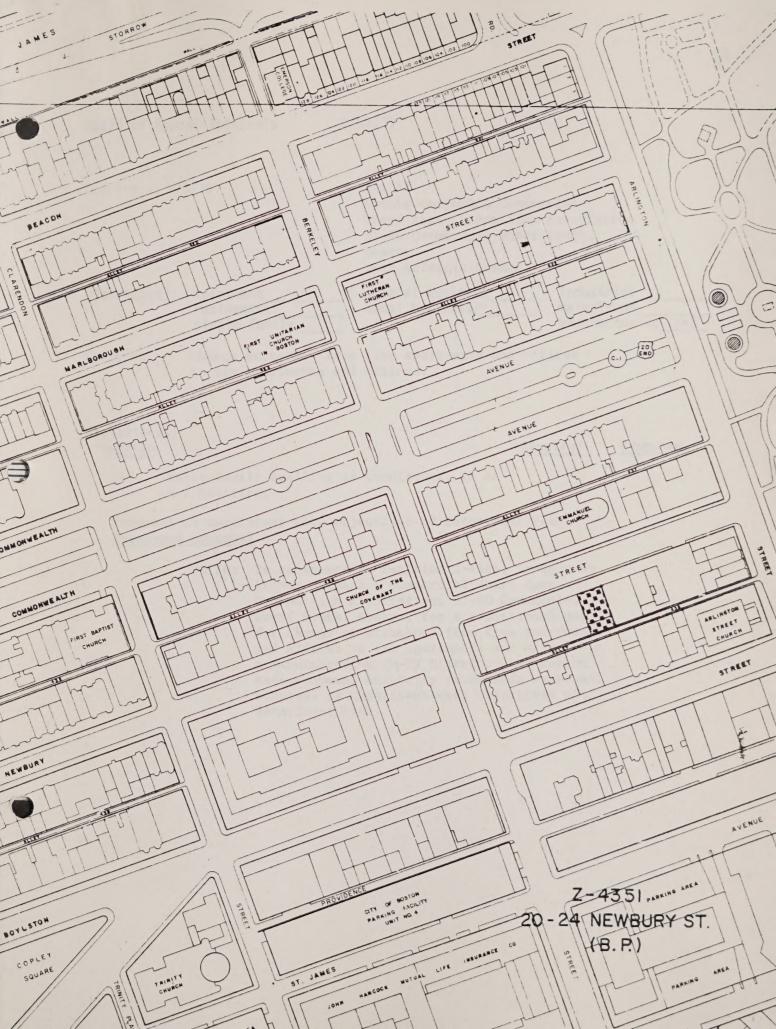
Required

Proposed

8-7. A school is conditional in a B-4-70 District.

First National Aesthetic School of America, Inc. will provide instruction in the care and make up of skin. Similar facilities exist in the immediate area. Recommend approval.

In reference to Petition Z-4351, brought by 20-24 Newbury Associates, 20-24 Newbury Street, Boston, for a conditional use for change of occupancy from stores and offices to stores, offices and school in a General Business (B-4-70) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Proposed facility is consistent with general commercial area.



2/15/79

Hearing: 3/6/79

Z - 4366

Arthur Colpack & Commercial

Wharf East Condominium Association

57-60 Commercial Wharf South,

Boston

near Atlantic Avenue

District(s): apartment

general business____ local business____

industrial

residential single family

waterfront

manufacturing M-2

Purpose:

Change occupancy from five apartments and offices

to six apartments and offices.

Violation(s):

Section

Required

Proposed

8-7. Multi-family dwelling is conditional in an M-2 District.

Proposal is consistent with objectives of Waterfront Plan. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition Z-4366, brought by Arthur Colpack & Commercial Wharf East Condominium Association, 57-60 Commercial Wharf South, Boston, for a conditional use for change of occupancy from five apartments and offices to six apartments and offices in a Manufacturing (M-2) District, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Proposal is consistent with objectives of Waterfront Plan.

